

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, South Dakota was founded with hard work, perseverance, dedication to duty, and concern for one's fellow man; and,

Whereas, Victor E. Nield has devoted his life to the betterment of his community, the caring and sharing with family and friends, and the day-to-day giving and loving that make South Dakota a great state in which to live and work; and,

Whereas, On March 31, 2003, Victor will retire as Vice President and Senior Financial Advisor for Merrill Lynch after 19 years of employment; and,

Whereas, Victor will be able to devote more time to the care of his yard and enjoy his appreciation for art; and

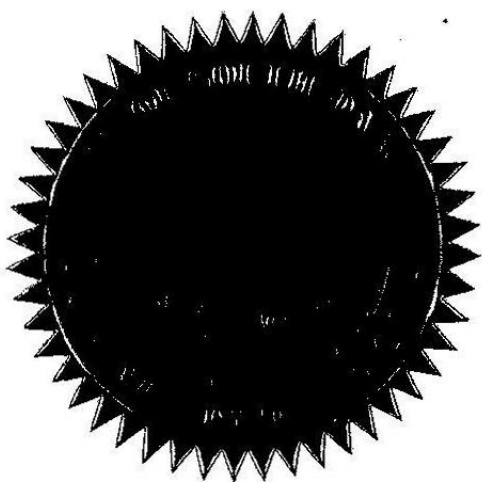
Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to make special note of this outstanding South Dakotan on this momentous occasion:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim March 31, 2003, as

VICTOR NIELD DAY

in South Dakota, and I join his family and many friends in wishing him a fulfilling and happy retirement.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Seventeenth Day of March in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.



M. Michael Rounds
M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson
Chris Nelson, Secretary of State